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The Bible, the Word of God.

The Book Divine ; or, How do I Know the Bible is the Word of God? By Jacob Embury Price, D.D. New York : Hunt and Eaton. 75 cents.

Among the subjects considered in this series of lectures are the unity of the Bible, its harmony with history and with physical science, the prophetic element in the Scriptures, and the character of Jesus Christ. Prepared for a popular audience it claims only to be based on careful research and to possess clearness of statement. The writer is a liberal-minded and devout clergyman, and the book is one which can be put into the hands of young people with profit. We find the mistakes in detail that are to be expected in the work of one who has not made a special study of the many fields of investigation which he rapidly traverses, but they do not affect the main positions of his argument which is forcibly and vividly presented.

Some Commentaries on the Gospel of Luke.

The Pulpit Commentary : St. Luke. Exposition by Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D.D. Homiletics by Rev. J. Marshall Lang, D.D., and others. Vol. I, chaps. 1-12. New York : A. D. F. Randolph and Co. \$2.00.

People's Commentary on the Gospel according to Luke. By Edwin W. Rice, D.D., with maps and original engravings. Philadelphia : The American Sunday School Union.

The scope and character of these two commentaries are clearly suggested in their respective titles. The former is for homiletic uses by the preacher. The latter is designed to supply the need for a compact popular work for Sunday school teachers and other intelligent students. Each seems to be adapted to its purpose. The exposition or exegetical notes, as they are in reality, given in the Pulpit Commentary are among the most helpful material to be found anywhere. Ample space is given to the discussion of difficult passages. Breadth, freedom, reverence and good sense as a general rule are characteristic of the remarks and comments. For a thorough student few works could be more useful. Dr. Rice's volume has certain special features of its own. The text appears at the foot of the page—a frank acknowledgement, doubtless, that the important element of the book is to be found in the comments. There is a scholarly introduction ; the text is divided into brief sections for annotation ; each section is closed by pointed and suggestive applications of the material. The book is made still more valuable by full page wood-cuts of Bible scenes made from original photographs. The teacher who possesses and studies this book will be well furnished for work.

The Gospel of John.

The Gospel according to St. John. [Hand-Books for Bible Classes.] By Rev. George Reith, M.A., New York : Scribner and Welford. 2 vols. Price \$1.60.

This commentary belongs to a series of Hand-books of which the average excellence is high. The series as a whole does not equal the Cambridge Bible for Schools though individual volumes in it may surpass corresponding volumes in the latter. The present work has peculiar features of its own which will commend it to some but fail to please others. Its strength is in exposition of the thought of this profound Gospel. Its summaries and analyses of chapters are fully and carefully made. The danger is sometimes not escaped of being too voluminous in explanation. In the notes paragraphs are few ; the material is massed ; the fine type makes consultation somewhat burdensome. It is difficult